

# Marymount



MARYMOUNT COLLEGE, BOCA RATON, FLORIDA

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## NEW PRESIDENT APPOINTED

The Reverend Gerard Fagan, S.J. has been appointed the third President of Marymount College, Florida, and took office on November 1, 1970. Father Fagan is a native New Yorker who has held administrative posts in Jesuit schools and colleges since 1949. For the past five years he has been Assistant to the President of Fordham University. Prior to that he served as Director of Student Personnel Services at both Fordham and St. Peter's Colleges. He founded and was first Principal of McQuaid Jesuit High School in Rochester and was Headmaster of Xavier High School in New York. Father Fagan has his undergraduate degree from Georgetown University and his Licentiate in Philosophy and Sacred Theology from Woodstock, Maryland. In the past few years he has served on the Task Force for Education of the New York Urban Coalition, The Board of Trustees of the New York Botanical Gardens, The Board of Trustees of the Center for Urban Education, the Committee for Education of the Archdiocese of New York, and several committees on community relations in New York City. The College warmly welcomes Father Fagan to Boca Raton and to Marymount, and looks forward to working with him.



Rev. Gerard Fagan, S.J.

## SISTER DE LA CROIX TO REMAIN AS TRUSTEE

Sister de la Croix, in announcing her resignation as President, expressed her willingness to continue working with the College in a non-administrative role. As a member of the Board of Trustees, she will help guide the development of the college which she founded in 1963 and served as President for six years. After almost twenty years as an administrator, Sister de la Croix stressed the need to set aside some time for study and reflection in order to re-evaluate the nature, the goals and the methods of Christian education and the best way of personally fulfilling a role of service to others. The College is confident that this respite from day-to-day administrative responsibilities will result in fresh insights and a renewal of that vision and inspirational leadership which has characterized her life and work.



Sister de la Croix

## NEW TRUSTEE ELECTED

Thomas J. Walsh of Scarsdale, N.Y., has just been elected to Marymount's Board of Trustees. He is President of Kenoil Corporation and serves as tax and financial advisor to the Kennedy family. The secretary-treasurer of the Joseph P. Kennedy Foundation, Mr. Walsh is also a Trustee of the Park Foundation of New York City and of Holy Name Hospital in New Jersey. His earlier corporate connections include Singer Manufacturing Corp.; the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Co.; and Price, Waterhouse and Company. A graduate of St. Peter's College in New Jersey, and former Chairman of their Board of Regents, he holds an honorary doctorate from that college.



# MARYMOUNT WELCOMES N

**Dr. Cornelius Abel** will be Chairman of the Philosophy and Theology Division. He holds a Ph.D. in Theology from the University of Trier in West Germany and Master's degrees from Berchmans College in Holland and Woodstock College in Maryland. He has previously taught in Holland and in the Philippines.

**Mr. Robert Bagdon** will be an Instructor in Music and Director of the Glee Club. He is a candidate for a Ph.D. in Music from the Catholic University of America and holds his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the Peabody Conservatory of Music. An accomplished organist, he has been soloist with the Peabody Orchestra and music critic for the Baltimore News-American.

**Mr. William Conroy** has been appointed Associate Director of Admissions. He holds an M.S. degree from the University of New York at Oneonta and a B.S. from Ithaca College and took advanced courses at the University of Miami where he served as Assistant Director of Admissions.

**Sister Simone Fitzpatrick** joins the Psychology faculty and plans to co-ordinate some of the social service projects undertaken by Marymount students and staff. She has her M.S. degree from Barry College and B.A. from Marymount and spent last summer doing graduate work at Oxford. Sister Simone was the Principal of St. Lawrence School in Miami and played an active role in the Archdiocesan programs for migrant education.

**Dr. Wayne Freeberg** is the new Dean of Students and comes to Florida from Indiana University where he was Assistant Dean of the University Division. He holds his Ph.D. in education from Indiana University, an M.S. from Valparaiso University and a B.A. from New York University. Dr. Freeberg will be in charge of all student personnel services at the college.

Twelve new faculty and staff members began its eighth year on August 25, 1971 and student personnel areas now number 1 to 12. This illustrates Marymount's education where teachers and students' work is encouraged in small classes and discussions. This type of education calls for and the twelve new members, despite a common bond with the rest of the college, the welfare of the individual student. They are lecturers, and performers, but they are students, not subjects.

A joint statement by Sister de la Croix and Marymount has always sought "teaching academic and human philosophies of life" and added that "the new faculty group will add dimensions of talent to the highly dedicated Marymount was established." The college members.

**Sister Raphael Fahey** joins the faculty in January 1972 with her graduate work at San Francisco. She has a B.S. in Science from Regina Mary and also studied at the University at Oxford University.



# NEW FACULTY AND STAFF

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The professional staff in academic  
is fifty, and the faculty-student ratio  
commitment to a truly personalized  
work closely together. Independent  
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may be scholars, researchers, writers,  
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**Mr. Richard Giardina** has been appointed Registrar. He earned his B.A. from City College of New York and previously worked in the Registrar's office at City College and Manhattan Community College.



**Sister Columba Kavanaugh** comes to the college as Guidance Counselor. She holds her M.S. from St. John's University and a B.A. from Marymount and has been Principal of Marymount School in Sag Harbour and Sacred Heart of Mary High School in Rolling Meadows, Illinois.



**Mr. Charles McKelvey** has been appointed Assistant Director of Admissions. He holds his B.A. from Parsons College and was previously an Admissions Counselor at St. Thomas University in Houston. He expects to travel extensively in Marymount's recruitment program.



**Miss Mary McNelis** will be an Instructor in Drama and will take charge of the extra-curricular shows and performances. She holds two Master's degrees — one from St. John's University and one from Adelphi University, and a B.S. from St. John's. She has taught English and Drama in New York City high schools for several years and has been Production Manager of the Falmouth Playhouse in New England.



**Sister Maura Scanlon** will be an Instructor in English. She earned her M.A. at Manhattan College and a B.A. at Marymount and has taught at Marymount High School in New York City and Sacred Heart of Mary High School in Rolling Meadows, Illinois.





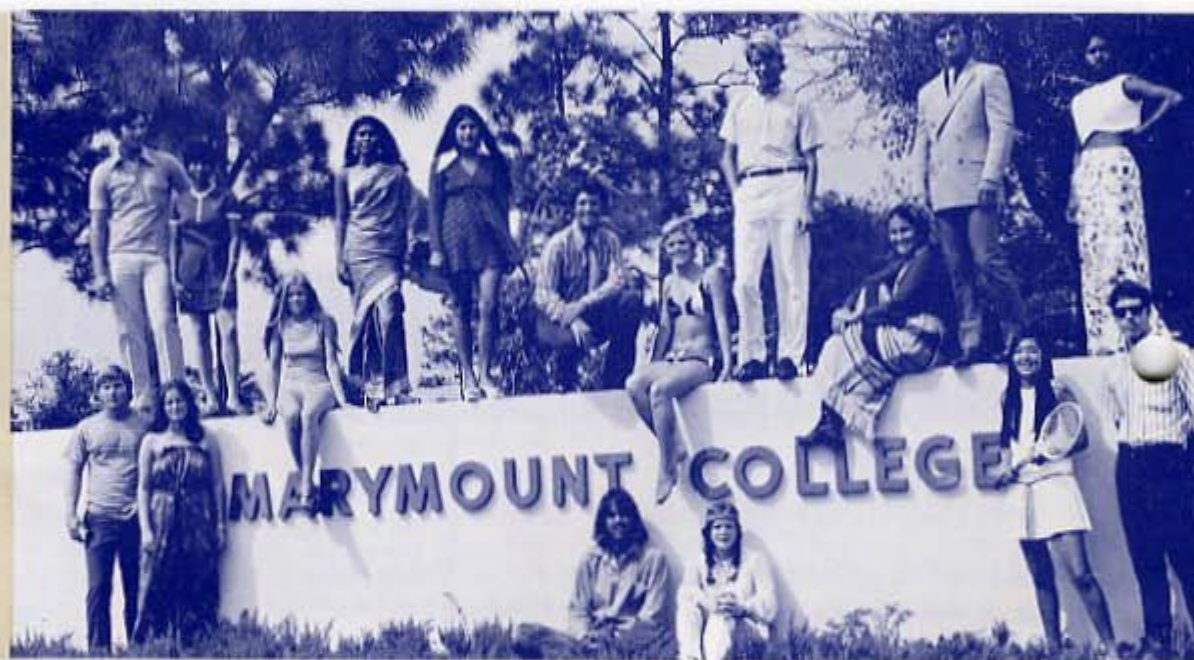
## COMMITTEE TO PROJECT FIVE-YEAR PLAN

Stuart W. Patton, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, has named a committee of six to project a five-year plan for Marymount in terms of growth, goals, planning and progress. The Committee's chairman will be Thomas J. Walker from Fort Lauderdale who is President and Chief Executive Officer of the North American Company and a Trustee of the College. Other members are John T. Cooney, Jr., Vice-President of Univis, Inc. and also a Trustee of Marymount; Sister de la Croix O'Connell; Sister Jogues Egan, former Provincial Superior; Sister Kathleen Connell, College Supervisor of the

Provincial Board; and William S. Catherwood, Business Officer of Marymount Manhattan College in New York City.

The committee will work with administrative and faculty personnel in developing a five year plan. Tentative items in the projection include expansion of the curriculum to three years (freshman, sophomore, junior) in 1972-73, and to a full four-year college in 1973-74. Construction of a new residence hall for men and new athletic facilities are projected for 1972. An enrollment of 750 is planned by the end of the five-year period, including 490 resident women and 150 resident men.

"Marymount students posed at the College entrance illustrate the diversity and international flavor of the student body."



## NEW CURRICULUM WINS APPROVAL

The new curriculum approach adopted in September 1969 was subject to careful evaluation throughout the year and formally reviewed last May. The response of faculty and students indicates that the new system promotes greater motivation for study and research, closer relationships between faculty and students, and a deeper involvement for the individual student in each of the four areas of knowledge.

Freshman year has been divided into four "blocks" of seven-weeks each. During that time, the students concentrate on just one area of study. This is a "Year of Reflection" — a time to explore the major disciplines in depth. Sophomore year is a "Year of Production" — when each student chooses, with an advisor's help, related courses in the areas of greatest interest to her.

The students' enthusiasm for the program is reflected in the anonymous questionnaire they filled out at the end of the

year. To the question: "Given a choice, would you choose the Block System or the regular course system?" they preferred the Block System by a vote of two to one. Asked if each block had accomplished its purpose, they answered as follows:

1. **Philosophy-Theology Block:** Were you challenged to find meaning in life and in your consideration of God?  
Yes: 88%
2. **Humanities Block:** Were you challenged to communicate by means of writing, dancing, art and music?  
Yes: 87%
3. **Science and Mathematics Block:** Were you challenged to discover by the scientific method, the environment around you?  
Yes: 77%
4. **History and Human Behavior Block:** Were you challenged to find your place in human society, past and present?  
Yes: 73%



## LEWIS LIBRARY DEDICATED

On February 22, 1970, the newest building on campus was dedicated by the Most Reverend Coleman Carroll, Archbishop of Miami. Several hundred friends of the college gathered for the solemn Mass and Blessing of the new learning resource center named in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Milton F. Lewis. Mr. Lewis is a member of the Board of Trustees of the College, and their daughter, Maureen, is an alumna. Other principal benefactors honored at the Dedication ceremonies were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Blancke, the Louis Calder, Jr. Foundation, the Frank Lewis Foundation, and the Arthur Vining Davis Foundation. The major address was delivered by the Very Reverend William L. Reilly, S.J., President of LeMoyne College.



## TRINITY HALL TO BE MEN'S DORM

Male students will be admitted as residents in the Fall of 1971 as an experiment to determine the feasibility of making Marymount a fully co-ed college.

A pilot group of fifty young men will be housed in Trinity (with the rest of the building given over to administrative and faculty offices). These will be the first male residents in Marymount history although the college has been officially co-ed for the past three years and currently enrolls about 25 male day students. Most are from this area and live at home but the out-of-state men must find their own housing in Boca Raton and this presents a problem. The experiment, therefore, is a response on the part of the college to a very real need of part of its student body. Within the past two years, eight of the young men enrolled were brothers of present or past students. Although Marymount could offer their sisters a comprehensive experience in living and learning, the young men were cut off from that part of college life which is so influential in developing character and personality. Through this experiment the college hopes to study the practical aspects of co-education before making a major policy change, while at the same time it provides full access to all the resources of a total education to the young men who are enrolled.

## MARYMOUNT AD WINS TIME CONTEST BROCHURE WINS FIRST PRIZE

Marymount, Florida, has been selected as a winner in the advertising competition sponsored by Time magazine which awards free, full-page advertisements worth \$8,000 to colleges which submit original and striking ads. Marymount's ad was developed by Mr. Francis Brennan, Vice-President for Administrative Affairs and Mr. Paul Klein, a Miami advertising executive. It appeared in the New York and Chicago regional issue in October.

A recruitment and general information brochure, "The Marymount Idea", won two Addy Awards last Spring in the annual competition sponsored by the Advertising Club of Fort Lauderdale. The brochure, designed by a local artist, Mr. Walt Hron, took first prizes in two categories: Direct Mail Brochures and Company Public Relations.





The Tri-County Horse Show Association sponsored a Show at Pompano Race Track with a share of the benefits given to the Marymount College Scholarship Fund.

Ansel Wittenstein, President of the Association, and William Stager, Palm Beach County Vice President, aided Marymount's participation. Pictured are some of the college girls who attended the Horse Show.

## SCHOLARSHIP FUND DRIVE LAUNCHED

A vigorous drive to bring in additional scholarship funds will be carried on during the school year. Marymount awards some \$80,000 in financial aid annually and must rely on the support of alumni, parents, and friends of the college for scholarship funds. Because tuition charges do not fully cover the cost of educating even the non-scholarship student, financial aid for students is a top priority in the college budget. Projects such as the Horse Show, the Champagne Brunch, the proposed Mardi Gras on campus are all aimed at raising funds for this worthy cause. Appeals will be made for special support such as an Alumni Scholarship and Regional Scholarships, and the College welcomes the advice and assistance of all who are willing to plan benefits and other fund-raising activities on behalf of Marymount.



Tennis coach Peachy Kellmeyer is looking forward to another good year for Marymount's tennis team. Thirty new recruits are eager to join the sophomore team members: Astrid Suurbek from Holland (who was the Netherlands' number one woman player in 1968); Jemette Sarson from Pompano Beach, Florida, and Linda Buk from Detroit, Michigan. Marymount won the State Women's Collegiate Championship last year.

### IN MEMORIAM

The College wishes to express its deep sympathy to Mrs. Dawn Wright, Instructor of Dance at the College, and her family on the death of her husband, Charles, on October 19; and to Dr. William Wixted, Professor of Philosophy, whose wife, Gertrude, died on April 13, 1970. They will be remembered in our prayers.



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